Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 27 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Wednesday 28 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 27 Dec 2022 at 02:32

Confidence: High for unsettled, often wet and windy weather, but low confidence for details, especially timing of worst of conditions.

Headline for Tuesday 27 Dec 2022: A windy day, some summit snow at first then rain, this becoming heavy and persistent through the morning.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 27 Dec 2022

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** High Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Fog
Precipitation probability					
60%	90%	>95%	90%	70%	20%

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Weather: A cloudy start with outbreaks of rain and summit snow for a time, but cloud will thicken and lower in morning and rain will become heavy and prolonged. Rain clearing through the evening with clear spells and scattered showers developing, these wintry on the summits again. Risk of blizzards at height early in the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Generally little chance by day, but 50-80% later in the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and very poor in summit snow and within cloud with broken cloud base 700m becoming persistent above 400-500m in morning, occasionally lower on western slopes. Cloud breaking through the evening, with mainly good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	28/33 SW	48/57 S	51/64 SW	50/63 SW	29/38 W	30/38 W	32/41 W
600	19/23 S	33/40 S	37/49 SW	36/49 SW	20/29 W	21/29 SW	21/30 SW
300	11/20 S	19/33 S	23/41 S	23/42 S	14/26 W	14/27 SW	14/27 SW
Valley	11/20 S	19/33 S	23/40 S	23/41 S	14/25 W	15/27 W	14/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	1/-7	2/-7	4/-4	4/-4	4/-3	3/-4	1/-6
600	3/-3	4/-3	6/-1	6/-0	6/1	4/-1	3/-2
300	5/1	6/1	7/3	8/3	8/4	7/3	6/2
Valley	6/2	7/2	9/4	9/5	9/6	8/4	7/3
Freezing Level*	1000m	1400m	1600m	1800m	1800m	1100m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Cold at height and a significant chill effect even after snow turns to rain and temperatures rise with winds increasing. A windy day with gales over most of the tops and stormy over the higher summits with severe buffeting. Difficulty staying upright at higher elevations.

Forecast for Wednesday 28 Dec 2022

Weather: Clear periods in early hours but becoming overcast with periods of heavy rain by the morning. Then another wet and windy day, with heavy rain in the morning. Rain becoming more patchy in afternoon then clearing to blustery heavy showers in evening, these of snow on summits, then a period of heavy rain and summit snow in late evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest 25mph, soon increasing in morning to 35 gusts 45mph but 40-50 gusts 65mph over the higher summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60-90% in early hours and in evening, otherwise almost no chance.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility in early hours and in evening, moderate visibility at best in daylight hours and poor or very poor in spells of heavy rain and within cloud, this generally extensive above 400 or 500m, with some patches below onto western slopes, but scattered to broken cloud above 600m in early hours and in evening.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Pus 6 C rising to plus 10-12 C by day
At 800m: Plus 1 or 2 C rising to plus 5 C by morning
Freezing level: Rising to 1200m by morning and rising further during the day, but 1000m late evening.

Thursday	Bright or sunny spells and scattered showers, some heavy with snow falling above 600m. Strong west or southwest winds.
Friday	Milder again. Heavy rain in morning with south or southeasterly gales, perhaps severe gales, clearing to scattered showers in afternoon as winds turn West, but heavy rain in evening with southwesterly gales.
Saturday	Perhaps some early brightness, but another cloudy and wet day is expected, with periods of heavy rain, though southwesterly winds will ease fresh to strong by the morning.

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